

# Editorial

Early in 1982 we shall begin publication of a series of articles of topical interest on the British lepidoptera. These will review the past year for (1) Butterflies (by Dr. C. J. Luckens, 52 Thorold Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Hants SO2 3PG); (2) Macro moths (by P. A. Sokoloff, 4 Steep Close, Orpington, Kent BR6 6DS); and (3) Micros (by Rev. D. J. Agassiz, The Vicarage, Highview Avenue, Grays, Essex RM12 6RU). Readers are requested to communicate information of interest on lepidoptera noted in 1981 to the above authors (but not migration records, as these should be sent to R. F. Bretherton, Folly Hill, Birtley Green, Bramley, Surrey, or to the Editor).

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## Notes and Observations

ANTICHLORIS ERIPHIA (FAB.)(LEP.: CTENUCHIDAE). — I am pleased to report the appearance in Addiscombe, Surrey of a fine specimen of *Antichloris eriphia*. This striking adult moth emerged from a crate of bananas from Ecuador on 19.i.81 and is the first British record.

Apparently, it is usual for bananas from this source to go through a ripening process and with some difficulty the firm responsible for this batch was traced in Erith, Kent. It was established that the fruit had been subjected for several days to a high concentration of ethylene. It seems that this had no ill effect on the insect which presumably was then in the pupal state, and it would appear likely that the cocoon offered adequate protection from the alien atmosphere. I am indebted to Dr. J. D. Bradley for kindly arranging the identification. — K. G. W. EVANS, 31, Havelock Road, Croydon, Surrey CRO 6QQ.

COLEOPHORA MACHINELLA BRADLEY IN SURREY. — In 1980, I found on Ashtead Common, one *Coleophora* case on *Achillea ptarmica* (Sneezewort) which I hoped was this species. Unfortunately the moth did not emerge. This year the search was resumed on the 16th June when over a dozen cases were collected in about two hours. Having developed entomological cold feet after bringing them home, I sent some to Mr. R. W. J. Uffen who kindly confirmed the identity. He reported that the larvae were the same as those feeding on *Artemisia maritima* (Sea Wormwood). The moths have just emerged at the end of July and beginning of August. This is probably the first record for the county. — R. FAIRCLOUGH, Blencathra, Deanoak Lane, Leigh, Surrey, 5.viii.81.